



"By computerizing health records, we can avoid dangerous medical mistakes, reduce costs, and improve care."

— President George W. Bush, State of the Union Address, January 20, 2004



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**THE NEW ERA OF
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ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS – DRIVING THE DELIVERY OF 24/7 ACCESS TO CARE

21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY FOR A 21ST CENTURY FIGHTING FORCE

GLOBAL ACCESS ON DEMAND

AHLTA marks a significant new era in health-care for the Military Health System (MHS) and the nation. As an interoperable, secure and highly efficient electronic health record (EHR) system, AHLTA, when fully deployed, will support 9.2 million TRICARE beneficiaries.

The Department of Defense (DoD) roll-out of this superior system leads the effort in the Presidential goal for the majority of Americans to have interoperable electronic health records by 2014. An EHR is the single most efficient way for healthcare providers to access data about beneficiaries' conditions, prescriptions, diagnostic tests and additional information essential to providing quality care.

Additionally, AHLTA will provide longitudinal health information for American service members in the field and beyond, delivering constantly updated critical information to healthcare providers when it's needed most.

WHEN FULLY DEPLOYED IN DECEMBER 2006, AHLTA WILL IMPACT:

- ★ **9,200,000** beneficiaries
- ★ **129,500** MHS staff
- ★ **411** medical clinics; **417** dental clinics
- ★ **70** military hospitals

In any given week, AHLTA will support 2.1 million prescriptions, 1.8 million outpatient encounters, 400,000 dental procedures, 19,500 inpatient admissions and 2,000 births for Uniformed Services members, retirees and their families.

AHLTA leverages advanced technology to its fullest potential, ensuring healthcare providers have instant access to invaluable medical information about their patients. Equally as capable in field mobile units as it is in peace-time medical centers, AHLTA is a system that is consistently:

- ★ **POWERFUL:** Valuable, life-saving beneficiary information is available 24/7.
- ★ **LEGIBLE:** Beneficiary records are complete, accurate and clear.
- ★ **SECURE:** Only authorized users can access records and they are protected from natural or man-made disasters.
- ★ **LONGITUDINAL:** 25 months of laboratory, anatomic pathology, pharmacy and radiology data is pre-entered from MHS legacy systems.
- ★ **KNOWLEDGEABLE:** Offers healthcare providers wellness reminders for their patients.
- ★ **EFFICIENT:** Interoperability ensures that costly tests, labs and scans are not needlessly duplicated.
- ★ **PROACTIVE:** AHLTA provides critical information that lets healthcare providers know about disease outbreaks, allowing early intervention in targeted populations. This medical surveillance facilitates military force health protection.

With real-time access to beneficiaries' information "on demand," healthcare providers are able to deliver safer and more efficient care around the globe.

When minutes matter most, AHLTA can mean the difference between life and death. Whether it's on the battlefield or safely back home, this secure, robust, patient-centered data collection system is redefining the healthcare delivery experience.

A real-life example of the value AHLTA provides was documented recently when 25 hospitalized patients and 31 mothers-to-be were forced to flee from Hurricane Katrina without medical records. Healthcare providers hundreds of miles away were able to access their electronic records, providing all with the continuity of care these patients required.

The men and women of today's Uniformed Services, retirees, and their families, deserve a world class health care system. AHLTA is leading the way.

